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Parent Council



I am looking to set up the Parent Council for this year. For those of you new to school, the Parent Council is made up of a representative from each class who come and meet with me around once a term. The job of the rep is to gather questions and opinions from parents in their class.

They are then forwarded to myself and an agenda is created for the meeting. We then produce a newsletter which communicates to parents the issues discussed and actions going forward. In the past the Parent Council have been instrumental in helping us make changes to homework, school photographs, parents evenings, school reports. Often we are able to respond quickly to parents ideas and make small changes which can have a large impact. It also gives us the opportunity to explain practice where needed in order to give clarity to parents.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a class rep please email me with your name, child's name and class by Friday of next week. 'Job share' arrangements have worked well in the past. Reps can either set up their own parent council email or create a Facebook page to help with communication. Previous reps are welcome to put themselves forward again, though i still need you to email to inform me.

Meetings usually take place at 4.45pm on a Monday, though the day of the week can be changed when we know the commitments of the members. This is a really important opportunity to be part of the Parent Voice so if you can spare us a little time, please put yourself forward.

Santa's Grotto

Tickets for Santa's grotto at the Christmas fair will go on sale on **Monday 20th November**

Tickets must be bought in advance of the fair. They usually sell out quickly so get yours early to avoid disappointment.

The tickets cost £2.50 per child and can be bought from inside the hall doors leading onto the playground from 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday, next week.



Parent Governor Election

Many thanks to all those parents who have returned their ballot paper for the forthcoming Governor election. Please note that the deadline to return your voting slip to school is 12 noon on Monday (20th Nov). The votes will be counted on Monday afternoon and our new Parent Governor will be invited to attend the Full Governing Body meeting on Thursday.



Etchells Memorial

We were brilliantly represented by our Head Boy and Girl, Ethan and Emelia at the Heald Green memorial service on Sunday. They laid the wreath on behalf of our School and played an important part of this service for our community.



PTA Donation Day

The next donation day for the PTA will be taking place next Friday. Please come in your maddest, craziest hairstyles and bring in some chocolate for the chocolate tombola. This is one of the most popular stalls at our fair, so your donations really do make a difference. Please ensure that all donations are wrapped and are within the best before date. As always, donations are voluntary.



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

Children in Need



We had a very colourful assembly this morning, with the children wearing all sorts of spots and accessories for Children in Need. Whilst having fun with photos and costumes, we also spent some time thinking about what the charity does and what it actually means to be a 'Child in Need'.

I am pleased to say that we raised **£310** for the charity. Many thanks for your donations.

